

2 Maccabees 9



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1535 Coverdale, 1537
Matthew's, 1539 Taverner's,
1540 Great Bible, 1560
Geneva, 1568 Bishop's, and the
1382 Wycliffe (handwritten in Middle
English) Bible versions.

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9 = 1 About that
time came
Antiochus with
dishonour out
of the country

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of Persia.

9=2 For he had entered the city called Persepolis, and went about to rob the temple, and to hold the city; whereupon the multitude

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**running to
defend
themselves
with their
weapons, put
them to flight,
and so it
happened that
Antiochus
being put to
flight of the**

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**inhabitants
returned with
shame.**

**9=3 Now when
he came to
Ecbatane,
news was
brought him
what had
happened unto
Nicanor and**

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Timotheus.

9=4 Then
swelling with
anger. he
thought to
avenge upon
the Jews the
disgrace done
unto him by
those that
made him flee.

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**Therefore
commanded he
his chariotman
to drive without
ceasing, and to
dispatch the
journey, the
judgment of
God now
following him.
For he had**

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**spoken proudly
in this sort,
That he would
come to
Jerusalem and
make it a
common
burying place
of the Jews.**

**9=5 But the
Lord Almighty,**

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**the God of
Isreal, smote
him with an
incurable and
invisible
plague: or as
soon as he had
spoken these
words, a pain
of the bowels
that was**

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**remediless
came upon
him, and sore
torments of the
inner parts;**

**9=6 And that
most justly: for
he had
tormented
other men's
bowels with**

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**many and
strange
torments.**

9=7 **Howbeit he
nothing at all
ceased from
his bragging,
but still was
filled with
pride,
breathing out**

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**fire in his rage
against the
Jews, and
commanding to
haste the
journey: but it
came to pass
that he fell
down from his
chariot, carried
violently; so**

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that having a
sore fall, all the
members of his
body were
much pained.

9=8 And thus
he that a little
afore thought
he might
command the
waves of the

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**sea, (so proud
was he beyond
the condition
of man) and
weigh the high
mountains in a
balance, was
now cast on
the ground,
and carried in
an horselitter,**

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**shewing forth
unto all the
manifest power
of God.**

**9=9 So that the
worms rose up
out of the body
of this wicked
man, and
whiles he lived
in sorrow and**

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**pain, his flesh
fell away, and
the filthiness of
his smell was
noisome to all
his army.**

**9=10 And the
man, that
thought a little
afore he could
reach to the**

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**stars of
heaven, no
man could
endure to carry
for his
intolerable
stink.**

**9 = 11 Here
therefore,
being plagued,
he began to**

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**leave off his
great pride,
and to come to
the knowledge
of himself by
the scourge of
God, his pain
increasing
every moment.**

**9= 12 And when
he himself**

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**could not abide
his own smell,
he said these
words, It is
meet to be
subject unto
God, and that a
man that is
mortal should
not proudly
think of himself**

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if he were God.

**9= 13 This
wicked person
vowed also
unto the Lord,
who now no
more would
have mercy
upon him,
saying thus,**

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9=14 That the
holy city (to the
which he was
going in haste
to lay it even
with the
ground, and to
make it a
common
buryingplace,)

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he would set at
liberty:

9=15 And as
touching the
Jews, whom he
had judged not
worthy so
much as to be
buried, but to
be cast out
with their

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**children to be
devoured of
the fowls and
wild beasts, he
would make
them all equals
to the citizens
of Athens:**

9= 16 And the
holy temple,
which before

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**he had spoiled,
he would
garnish with
goodly gifts,
and restore all
the holy
vessels with
many more,
and out of his
own revenue
defray the**

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charges
belonging to
the sacrifices:
9=17 Yea, and
that also he
would become
a Jew himself,
and go through
all the world
that was
inhabited, and

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**declare the
power of God.**

9=18 But for all
this his pains
would not
cease: for the
just judgment
of God was
come upon
him: therefore
despairing of

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**his health, he
wrote unto the
Jews the letter
underwritten,
containing the
form of a
supplication,
after this
manner:**

**9 = 19 Antiochus,
king and**

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**governor, to
the good Jews
his citizens
wisheth much
joy, health, and
prosperity:**

**9=20 If ye and
your children
fare well, and
your affairs be
to your**

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**contentment, I
give very great
thanks to God,
having my
hope in
heaven.**

**9=21 As for
me, I was weak,
or else I would
have
remembered**

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**kindly your
honour and
good will
returning out of
Persia, and
being taken
with a grievous
disease, I
thought it
necessary to
care for the**

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**common safety
of all:**

**9=22 Not
distrusting
mine health,
but having
great hope to
escape this
sickness.**

9=23 But

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considering
that even my
father, at what
time he led an
army into the
high countries.
appointed a
successor,
9=24 To the
end that, if any

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**thing fell out
contrary to
expectation, or
if any tidings
were brought
that were
grievous, they
of the land,
knowing to
whom the state
was left, might**

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**not be
troubled:**

**9=25 Again,
considering
how that the
princes that are
borderers and
neighbours
unto my
kingdom wait
for**

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**opportunities,
and expect
what shall be
the event. I
have appointed
my son
Antiochus
king, whom I
often
committed and
commended**

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**unto many of
you, when I
went up into
the high
provinces; to
whom I have
written as
followeth:**

**9=26 Therefore
I pray and
request you to**

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**remember the
benefits that I
have done unto
you generally,
and in special,
and that every
man will be still
faithful to me
and my son.**

**9=27 For I am
persuaded that**

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he
understanding
my mind will
favourably and
graciously
yield to your
desires.

9=28 Thus the
murderer and
blasphemer
having suffered

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**most
grievously, as
he entreated
other men, so
died he a
miserable
death in a
strange
country in the
mountains.**

9=29 And

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**Philip, that was
brought up
with him,
carried away
his body, who
also fearing the
son of
Antiochus went
into Egypt to
Ptolemeus
Philometor.**

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